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--1. (Twice Amended) An internal combustion engine arrangement comprising:

a spark-ignited internal combustion engine;

an exhaust line receiving exhaust gas from the internal combustion engine;

an oxide gas absorber in the exhaust line including a support member; and an absorption layer on a surface of the support member having a total surface area which is larger than that of the underlying area of the support member accessible to exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust line for reversible absorption of at least one nitrogen oxide ( $\text{NO}_x$ ) and/or at least one oxide of sulfur ( $\text{SO}_x$ ); and,

a control unit means for controlling the temperature of the absorption layer by adjusting composition parameters of the exhaust gas to cause the absorption layer to be heated to a temperature of at least 500°C at which the layer is regenerated by desorbing absorbed  $\text{NO}_x$  or  $\text{SO}_x$ .--

#### REMARKS

This amendment is submitted pursuant to the recent interview courteously granted to the attorney for the Applicant by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. The applicant's attorney wishes to express his appreciation for the careful attention paid by the Examiner to the arguments and proposed amendments presented during the course of the interview.

We respectfully submit that, since the amendments to claim 1 presented herein are for purposes of clarification and do not change the scope of the claim, no new issue is raised and it should not be necessary to conduct any further search. Moreover, as discussed at the interview, we respectfully submit that the claim as amended